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SUBJECT: USITA PROPOSAL FOR USITA/ITU CO-SPONSORSHIP OF
TELECOMMUNICATION EXHIBIT IN U.S. IN 1981.

1. THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF UNITED STATES INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION (USITA) FOR OUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT FOR ITU TO CO-SPONSOR WITH USITA A MAJOR EXHIBITION OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1981. SPECIFICALLY, USITA REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ITU TO CO-SPONSOR THIS EXHIBITION AND THAT WERNER WOLTER (ITU) BE DESIGNATED AS THE ITU REP TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING WORK. USITA IS NON-PROFIT TRADE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES AND THEIR SUPPLIERS IN THE U.S. ACCORDING TO USITA REPS THE PROPOSED EXHIBITION WOULD "FEATURE THE WORLD'S LARGEST DISPLAY OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT, AND A COMPREHENSIVE SEMINAR PROGRAM DESIGNED
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TO BE OF PARTICULAR BENEFIT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."
USITA REPS INDICATE THAT THIS EXHIBITION WOULD INVOLVE
NO CHARGE FOR THE ITU.

2. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING IF ITU OR USITA HAS
APPROACHED MISSION IN THIS REGARD. IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT
AND COMMERCE WOULD LIKE MISSION ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER THIS

PROPOSAL WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OPINION NO. 3 OF THE ITU

CONVENTION, AND MISSION ASSESSMENT OF LIKELIHOOD OF ITU
INTEREST IN CO-SPONSORING SUCH AN EVENT. AS AN INITIAL
STEP, USITA IS PROPOSING BRINGING WERNER WOLTER TO U.S.
TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED EXHIBITION AND ITU INVOLVEMENT,
(USITA WOULD PAY WOLTER'S EXPENSES).

3. DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE HAVE INFORMED USITA THAT USG
IS AT PRESENT NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ENDORSEMENT OF

THE CONFERENCE TO ITU OR OTHERS, BUT WE WOULD HAVE NO
OBJECTION TO USITA DISCUSSING THE PROPOSAL WITH WOLTER IF
MISSION ASSESSMENT CONSIDERS THIS APPROPRIATE. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE MISSION COMMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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